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## Death of Many

...prevailing in this  
...Many sudden  
...deaths are caused  
...it—heart dis-  
...ease, pneumonia,  
...heart failure or  
...apoplexy are often  
...the result of kid-  
...ney disease. If  
...kidney trouble is  
...allowed to advance  
...the kidney-poisoned  
...blood will at-  
...tack the organs, causing catarrh of  
...the bladder, or sediment in  
...the bladder, or back ache, lame-  
...ness, sleeplessness, nervous-  
...ness, the kidneys themselves break  
...down and away call by call.  
...troubles almost always result  
...in enlargement of the kidneys and  
...in health in that organ is obtained  
...is a proper treatment of the kid-  
...neys. Swamp-Root corrects inability to  
...urinate and scaling pain in passing it,  
...removes that unpleasant necessity  
...being compelled to go often through-  
...out the night, and get up many times during  
...the night. The mild and immediate effect  
...of Swamp-Root, the great kidney remedy,  
...on the system stands the highest test  
...of its remarkable health restoring  
...powers. A trial will convince anyone.  
...Swamp-Root is pleasant to take and is  
...the all druggists in fifty-cent and  
...dollar bottles. You may have a  
...bottle and a book that tells all  
...about it sent free by mail. Address,  
...Swamp-Root Co., Binghamton, N. Y.  
...writing mention reading this gen-  
...eral offer in this paper. Don't make  
...mistake, but remember the name,  
...Swamp-Root, and don't let a dealer sell  
...something in place of Swamp-Root—  
...or you will be disappointed.

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HAIR BALM  
...and restores the hair  
...to its natural growth.  
...It is the only hair dressing  
...that does not contain  
...any harmful or dangerous  
...chemicals.

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## GLASSES

Make All the  
World Seem  
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## Made to Suit

## YOUR EYES.

Tucker, Hall & Co.,  
The Expert Opticians,  
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## Rocky Mountain Tea Nuggets

HOLLISER'S  
Tea Nuggets for Bury People.  
...a specific for Catarrh, Indigestion, Liver  
...and Kidney Troubles, Pimples, Eczema, Impure  
...Blood, Rheumatism, Stomach Disorders, Headache  
...and Neuritis. It is Rocky Mountain Tea in its  
...purest form, 50 cents a box. Genuine made by  
...Holliser, Druggists, Madison, Wis.

## GOLDEN NUGGETS FOR SALLOW PEOPLE

## AS TO A MODEL WIFE.

### Male Members Philadelphia Congrega- tion Expressed Their Views.

Some interesting masculine views  
as to what constitutes an ideal help-  
mate were stated Sunday evening by  
the Rev. Dr. Forrest E. Dager, of  
St. Paul's Reformed Episcopal  
church, who preached on "A Model  
Wife." At his request various male  
members of the congregation sent  
him letters expressing their opinions  
on this interesting subject, and  
these he read, to the great wonder  
and edification of the large number  
of women present. Some of the  
views expressed follow:

An ideal wife would not spend \$25  
a week on a \$20 salary.

One that does not spend three  
parts of her time gadding with the  
neighbors.

One who has the breakfast dishes  
washed when her husband comes  
home for supper.

One who keeps her home neat and  
tidy.

One who does not harass the life  
and soul out of a man.

One who enjoys his prosperity and  
is ready to sympathize with him in  
adversity and helps to make the  
home happy.

One who thinks more of her chil-  
dren than a bull pup.

A woman with more gray matter  
in her upper story than red paint on  
her busy-body face.

A woman that dresses well is re-  
membered more for herself than her  
clothes.

A woman who cares more for her  
home and children than for after-  
noon bridges and parties.

A woman who realizes the value  
of peroxide as a disinfectant, not  
as a hair dye.

A woman who does not consider  
her home complete when it consists  
of herself, her husband and a dog.

A woman who reads, understands  
and obeys her bible.

Dr. Dager in his sermon advoca-  
ted a combination of ideas presented.  
Especially should a woman be neat  
and tidy, keep herself nicely dressed,  
always have the meals ready when  
her husband arrives home, love her  
children and home, read her bible  
faithfully and go to church regular-  
ly.—Philadelphia Record.

## Never Heard of Lincoln.

In Jersey City yesterday Matteo  
Vallone, an Italian, who is a tailor  
living at 407 Patterson Plank road,  
West Hoboken, appeared before  
Judge Carey and made application  
for citizenship. He told the judge  
he had been in this country 22 years.  
"Do you know who Abraham Lin-  
coln was?" asked Judge Carey.  
"No; I don't know who he was."  
"You don't know who Abraham  
Lincoln was?" repeated the judge.  
"No; does he live in West Hobo-  
ken?" asked the applicant.  
"He is dead," said Judge Carey.  
"Well, I never heard of him," con-  
tinued the Italian. "Was he a tail-  
or?"

## NURSING MOTHERS

show the beneficial ef-  
fects of

## Scott's Emulsion

in a very short time. It  
not only builds her up,  
but enriches the mother's  
milk and properly nour-  
ishes the child.

Nearly all mothers who  
nurse their children should  
take this splendid food-  
tonic, not only to keep  
up their own strength but  
to properly nourish their  
children.

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Send the name of paper and this ad. for one  
beautiful Savings Bank and Child's Sketch-Book.  
Each book contains a Good Luck Penny.

SCOTT & BOWNE, 409 Pearl St., New York

## Repairing Fire Loss in Record Time.

Replacing the Elizabeth City,  
North Carolina, switchboard after  
the fire in the telephone office of  
that town was a good example of  
modern "rush order" business me-  
thods. The switchboard that had  
served the telephone users of that  
vicinity was totally destroyed on  
Saturday, November 5th. On Wed-  
nesday of the next week, exactly five  
days later, a new one was shipped  
from the factory at Hawthorne, Il-  
linois, by express.

The fire broke out in the back of  
the switchboard itself. Before help  
could arrive it had completely con-  
sumed the telephone office equip-  
ment. It is said that the blaze was  
the effect of spontaneous combustion.

Elizabeth City was in a bad way  
without its telephone service. When  
a fire of this sort occurs, crippling  
the entire telephone facilities of a  
city, business and social affairs of  
every sort are bound to suffer. It  
was, therefore, up to the people in  
charge to see that as little delay as  
possible would ensue before service  
could be resumed and everything  
running smoothly again.

Word was at once wired to the  
Western Electric Company at Atlan-  
ta, Georgia. The Norfolk & Caro-  
lina Telephone Company, which sup-  
plies service for Elizabeth City, is  
adjunct of the Bell system, and the  
Western Electric Company makes all  
"Bell" telephones and apparatus.

Atlanta was able to furnish at  
once a small 100-line emergency  
board to take care of the toll busi-  
ness, which was most urgent at the  
Elizabeth City office. At the same  
time a "rush order" was entered  
for a duplicate of the original instal-  
lation, which was a common battery,  
lamp-signal switchboard, completely  
modernized.

So it was that at Hawthorne, just  
outside of Chicago, where the prin-  
ciple factory of the electric company  
is situated, a telegram was received  
early on that Saturday morning,  
stating that a duplicate of the origi-  
nal board was wanted in a great  
hurry. The details were given briefly  
with orders for haste, to relieve  
Elizabeth City from its plight. The  
Hawthorne people wired to Atlanta  
on Sunday night in reply, stating  
that the replacing equipment would  
go forward on Wednesday, Novem-  
ber 10th.

All possible speed was made at  
Hawthorne. The factory was able to  
make good on the job, and Wednes-  
day saw the new board on its way.

Replacing switchboards under time  
pressure is one of the situations which  
it is very often necessary to face. It  
will not do for any city or town to be  
long without telephone service. The  
superiority of American methods in  
this respect was demonstrated when  
about a year ago fire destroyed the  
Gutenberg exchange at Paris, France.

All of the telephone traffic of the  
business center of the France capi-  
tal was handled through this switch-  
board, which was really a very ex-  
tensive piece of apparatus.

The French Government, which has  
telephone matters in charge notified  
a number of European concerns,  
which were invited to bid, inform-  
ing them that a time limit of sixty  
days, with a penalty for each day  
over sixty, would be imposed.

All the European makers balked  
at these terms. Paris was crippled  
without her telephone service, and  
turned to this country for aid. The  
Western Electric Company at Haw-  
thorne, Illinois, was able to make  
the board, send it to Paris, have it  
installed and accepted by the  
government, all within the time  
limit, incidentally affording foreign  
companies a demonstration of up-  
to-date American methods.

## One Million Ancestors.

I asked a friend a short time back  
how many ancestors he had in the di-  
rect line between generations back.  
After a minutes reflection he suggested  
fifty, it may be a little surprising  
and of interest to some of our read-  
ers to learn that they each have  
had more than a million ancestors  
within comparatively recent years,  
and that without taking into account  
uncles and aunts. Starting with one's  
parents, each person usually has two,  
a father and a mother. The father  
had his two parents and the mother  
had hers. Thus each person has four  
grandparents. One step father, and  
we have eight great grandparents.

I know a case within living memory  
where a man had four great grand-  
parents, all living. A simple calcula-  
tion gives the astonishing result that  
our lineal ancestors during twenty  
generations number no fewer than  
1,048,579, or sufficient people, if all  
living, to populate the whole of  
Wales.—London Strand.

## WASHING DISHES.

### Only One Time in a Woman's Life When She Enjoys It.

We never knew but one woman who  
professed she liked to wash dishes,  
and that moment our faith in her  
veracity melted like soap in hot dish-  
water.

The only time we wish we were a  
man is after a hearty dinner, when  
he can enjoy a sista or discuss the  
papers, while we must attend to the  
inevitable dishes.

Can any one wonder that girls get  
tired of the monotonous round of  
dish washing, which must be done  
three times a day for 365 consecutive  
days?

Think of it, ye gods, and tear your  
hair and weep for the woes of your  
sisterhood!

There is a short time in most every  
woman's life when it is a pleasure,  
but that is when we are too small to  
reach upon the kitchen table with-  
out a chair and are permitted to wash  
the cups and saucers to keep us out  
of mischief. When we are older and  
have it to do alone the soup tureen  
would not hold the tears we shed  
over it.

How we have dreamed over the  
blue pictures on the old fashioned  
dishes—pictures if impossible tem-  
ples and castles, built in unhealthy  
proximity to "clear takes," and in  
girlish fancy wandered to unheard  
of lands to dwell in those "castles in  
the air."

There should be no dishwashing  
there.

But hark! The shrill voice of our  
mother rings out clear and sharp:  
"Matilda, what are you doing?"  
with rising inflection on the last syl-  
lable of our name.

All the house knows that "Till" is  
dreaming over the dishpan again,  
and reverie is not permitted in our  
active household, which was conduct-  
ed on the "whoop her up" system.

When we see ladies going mad  
over ceramics we wonder if they  
served their apprenticeship polishing  
tablefuls of china.—New York Week-  
ly.

## Those "Good Old Times."

A correspondent of The Monroe  
Journal writes interestingly of old  
times in Union county. Speaking of  
the great improvements made during  
the last few years in the county and  
in the town of Monroe, he says there  
is one building in the latter which  
forms "an eyesore to the spectator  
and has never been an honor to the  
county." T. 's is the old county jail.

His first acquaintance with the in-  
side of this jail was made when he  
visited it in 1855. He says of what he  
saw on entering the prison and of  
prison laws in those days:

"I saw two poor white men in the  
debtor's cell in Union county jail.  
The law was then if a man could not  
pay his debts, sell everything he had,  
put him in jail, and take him out  
every 30 days and make him swear  
if he had any money. If he died his  
wife went to the poor house and his  
children were bound out at the court  
house steps; and in some cases Afri-  
can slavery was nothing compared to  
this treatment.

"Albert Starens, a negro lay in  
that jail three years. So did A. M.  
Diggs, of Anson county. Diggs went  
to the penitentiary two years;  
Starens was acquitted after being  
sentenced to the gallows twice."

The jail we think, was built with  
the proceeds of a fine imposed on a  
white man of the county who was  
convicted of manslaughter for kill-  
ing a slave. There was such an occur-  
rence in this State and we are under  
the impression it was in Union county  
that the judge agreed to impose a  
fine instead of a jail sentence because  
the county was badly in need of a  
jail and the convicted man was able  
to pay a fine large enough to build a  
county prison.—Charlotte Observer.

## India Cotton.

That a South Carolina cotton mill  
should be able to import cotton from  
Hindostan and have it brought to its  
spindles at less cost than it can have  
the cotton raised at the mill-door  
laid down there is a suggestive oc-  
currence.

In old times we had slave-grown  
cotton and could complete with the  
wage-grown cotton of other coun-  
tries. Now it is wage-grown cotton  
everywhere, and if wages are cheap-  
er abroad than at home, to that ex-  
tent foreign cotton can be sold at  
less than domestic.

Nor will a barrier tariff on foreign  
cotton relieve the situation. Mills  
buy to weave and weave to sell, and  
must sell at least abroad. In com-  
petition with the fettle industry of  
the world. To bar out India cotton,  
for instance, may be a good way to  
raise the home price of cotton goods,  
but it cuts of the foreign market  
entirely.

We are between his satanic majesty  
and the deep sea on this subject.  
It is one of the fruits of Apomattox,  
and bitter it is.—Augusta Chronicle.

"My child was burned terribly about  
the face, neck and chest. I applied  
Dr. Thomas' Electric Oil. The pain  
ceased and the child sank into a rest-  
ful sleep."—Mrs. Nancy M. Hanson,  
Hamburg, N. Y.

## Growth of the Drainage Idea.

Nothing shows more clearly the  
growth of an idea, than its increas-  
ed following. The second annual con-  
vention of North Carolina Drainage  
Association, shows by its increased  
attendance and growth of member-  
ship, that the drainage project is one  
of vital interest and concern, and  
this being true, that its development  
will be more generally promoted and  
thoroughly carried out as time goes  
on, to the benefit of the individual  
and the State, which will have its  
beneficial influence upon the nation.

The meetings of this association  
are not for farmers and land owners,  
merely, for its discussions concern  
every trade and industrial interest,  
and as the drainage project goes  
forward to successful results, so  
will all business interest be greatly  
benefited. There is a great gain, an  
educational one, for every one to at-  
tend the sessions of the association  
and hear the addresses made, and  
the discussions that take place.

That this convention has gained  
immensely during the past year, is to  
be seen in the increased attendance,  
in the character of the addresses  
made, the close interest in each sub-  
ject spoken upon, and the intelli-  
gent discussions following. The  
drainage idea is rapidly growing,  
and already giving special results.

Its future is offering great oppor-  
tunities, and each year's convention  
will increase the development and  
practical side of the drainage ques-  
tion, giving beneficial results to  
Eastern Carolina.—Newbern Jour-  
nal.

## Intelligence of the Fox.

### Apparently Able to Distinguish Be- tween Real and False Dangers.

The intelligence of the fox is often  
shown by the way he refuses to be  
headed when he has made up his  
mind as to the safe course to take.  
The West Somerset have an excellent  
fixture at Kilve: they found a fox,  
and the whippet-in is not far off, and  
foxes naturally often make for the  
cliffs, a secure refuge. A fox can be  
easily headed at times, but that is  
nearly always when to be seen  
would betray him to his enemies,  
the hounds, and give them an advan-  
tage; but when, if he makes his point,  
the advantage is on his side, then  
nothing will turn him.

To return to the West Somerset  
at Kilve; they found a fox and the  
whippet-in, seeing that the fox  
meant to go to the cliffs if possible,  
started to head him off. The ground  
was open, and for half a mile the  
whippet-in and fox were taking paral-  
lel lines, the fox clearly meaning  
to slip by and find a refuge in the  
cliffs. The man turned the fox away  
at last, but in a short time the  
hounds lost him, and I believe he got  
back after all.

Again the master ranged up some  
of the field to prevent another fox  
going back into a certain covert. In  
vain whips were rattled against  
saddle flaps; the fox went right  
through the watchers and made his  
point. It is a thing I have often no-  
ticed both with stag or fox, that the  
quarry seems to distinguish between  
real and false dangers.—London  
Globe.

## All That's Lacking to the Farmer.

It is gratifying to have the assur-  
ance of the Agricultural Department  
that, under intelligent and scientific  
management, American soils are im-  
proving all the time. If the Ameri-  
can farmer could also be assured of  
an intelligent and scientific revision  
on the tariff, his future would be  
bright indeed. As it is, the benefits  
of improved lands and methods are  
more than counterbalanced by in-  
creased and increasing tariff burdens.  
—Virginia Pilot.

## A Scalded Boy's Shrieks

horrified his grandmother, Mrs. Maria  
Taylor, of Nono, Ky., who writes that  
when all thought he would die, Buck-  
len's Arnica Salve wholly cured him.  
Infalible for burns, scalds, cuts, corns,  
wounds, bruises. Cures fever-sores,  
boils, skin eruptions, chilblains, chapped  
hands. Soon routs piles. 25c at  
E. T. Whitehead Company's.

## Madder Brown—There goes old

Dauber. He's living on his reputa-  
tion.

## Maulstick—No wonder he looks so

thin.—Illustrated Bits.

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## The Tailor—I can't make you an-

other suit until you pay for the last.  
The Customer—Great scot; I can't  
wait that long!—Brooklyn Life.

## Women Suffer

much needless pain when they delay using Cardui  
for their female troubles. Cardui has been found to  
relieve headache, backache, pain in the side and diz-  
ziness, arising from deranged organs. It does more  
than relieve,—if used persistently,—many have writ-  
ten to say that it cured them.

## TAKE CARDUI

It Will Help You

Mrs. Maxwell Johnson, Tampa, Fla., writes: "Cardui cured  
me after doctors and everything else had failed. I had been suffer-  
ing with numb spells ever since I was 16 years old. One day I  
decided to take Cardui. I have now taken 5 bottles and I can say  
that it has cured me. I advise all suffering women to give Cardui  
a long and fair trial."

Mrs. Johnson suffered years. Have you? Do you wish to?  
But why suffer at all? Take Cardui. Give it a fair trial.

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